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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1.(Cancelled)
- 2.(Cancelled)
- 3.(Cancelled)
- 4.(Cancelled)
- 5.(Cancelled)
- 6.(Cancelled)
- 7.(Cancelled)
- 8.(Cancelled)
- 9.(Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Cancelled)
- 19.(Previously Presented) A method for continuously seaming wide panels of cured EPDM membrane to form a composite roofing membrane of predetermined width and indefinite length comprising:
 - providing at least two supply stations, each supply station including a supply roll of cured EPDM membrane wound on a mandrel;
 - positioning the at least two supply stations such that a mandrel of a supply station is positioned in overlapping relation to an adjacent mandrel for supplying and simultaneously positioning indefinite length cured EPDM membrane in an overlapping relationship;

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providing a seaming station including a frame member supporting a press assembly and a device for seaming the overlapping cured EPDM membranes, the press assembly including opposing pinch rollers; and

continuously compressing the overlapping edges of the cured EPDM membranes as the EPDM membranes pass between the pinch rollers thereby continuously securing the overlapping cured EPDM membranes together to form a continuous seam and a composite roofing membrane of predetermined width and indefinite length.

20.(New) The method of Claim 19 wherein the overlapping marginal edges of the wide panels of cured EPDM membrane include a preapplied adhesive there between.

21.(New) The method of Claim 19 further comprising the step of applying an adhesive between the overlapping marginal edges of the wide panels of cured EPDM membrane.

22.(New) The method of Claim 20 wherein the adhesive is selected from thermoplastic polyolefin or thermoplastic elastomer.

23.(New) The method of Claim 21 wherein the adhesive is selected from thermoplastic polyolefin or thermoplastic elastomer.

24.(New) The method of Claim 20 wherein the overlapping cured EPDM membranes are seamed by heating the area of overlap to weld the overlapping cured EPDM membranes and then compressing the area of overlap to form a seam.

25.(New) The method of Claim 19 wherein the overlapping cured EPDM membranes are seamed by applying an adhesive between the overlapping cured EPDM membranes and then compressing the area of overlap to form a seam.

26.(New) The method of Claim 19 further comprising the step of cutting the composite roofing membrane to a desired length.